

The 1992 Certification and Recertification Examinations in Nephrology, sponsored by the American Board of Internal Medicine, will be offering registration from January 1, 1992–April 1, 1992, and holding the examination on November 4, 1992. For information and registration forms, please contact the Registration Section, American Board of Internal Medicine, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA. Telephone (800) 441-2246; FAX: (215) 243-1500.

NIH Study: Membranous Nephropathy

Patients between the ages of 12 and 65 with idiopathic or lupus membranous nephropathy who have proteinuria of more than 2 g/day are being sought for controlled therapeutic studies involving prednisone, cyclophosphamide and cyclosporine. Patients having received more than 3 months of cytotoxic drugs previously are not eligible. Detailed renal function tests, including permselectivity studies, will be performed. Inquiries may be directed to: Howard A. Austin, M.D. (301-496-3092), James E. Balow, M.D. (301-496-4181), or Karen MacKay, M.D. (301-496-3116) at the Kidney Disease Section, NIDDK; Bldg. 10, Rm. 3N-112; Bethesda, Maryland 20892; USA.

National Societies

The Secretary General of the *International Society of Nephrology* is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members, and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Dr. Claude Amiel, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Japanese Society of Nephrology Grant to the ISN

It is a privilege to announce that the Japanese Society of Nephrology has contributed \$30,000 US in support of the programs of the ISN. On behalf of the Executive Committee and Council of the ISN, the Editors wish to express particular thanks to the Japanese Society of Nephrology for this generous contribution.

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in

the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

- (1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
- (2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
- (3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
- (4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
- (5) Fellows will receive a stipend from the Society such that, taking into account the home country and/or the host institution support that they may have, they achieve a US\$ 15,000 revenue.
- (6) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.
- (7) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
- (8) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.
- (9) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.
- (10) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, International Society of Nephrology, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16, rue Henri Huchard, 75018-Paris, France.

1991 ISN's International Fellowship Training Awards

Aza J. J. Abdulla from Medical City Teaching Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq to go to The Royal Free Hospital, London, UK with John F. Moorhead, M.D.

Maria del Carmen Avila Casado from Instituto Nacional de Cardiologia, Mexico to go to Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, USA with Helmut G. Rennke, M.D.

Gabriela Garcia Espinosa from Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social, Mexico to go to University of Californai, San Diego, CA, USA with Roland C. Blantz, M.D.

Tomasz Kozlowski from Institutue of Surgery, Central University Hospital, Banacha la, Warsaw, Poland to go to Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden with C.G. Groth, M.D.

Xiaomei Li from The First Hospital, Beijing Medical University, Beijing, PRC to go to University of Colorado, School of Medicine, Denver, CO, USA with Robert W. Schrier, M.D.

Dragan Ljutic from Clinical Hospital "Firule", Split, Yugoslavia to go to Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals, London, UK with J. Steward Cameron, M.D.

Martin John Luta from Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya to go to Guy's Hospital, London, UK with George B. Haycock, M.D.

Rafael Villar Ramon from Instituto Nacional de Cardiologia "Ignacio Chavez", Mexico to go to University of Miami, Miami, CA, USA with Jacques J. Bourgoignie, M.D.

Maged Tawfic Tadros from The Cairo Kidney Center, Cairo, Egypt to go to Ente Ospedaliero San Carlo Borromeo, Milano, Italy with Giuseppe D'Amico, M.D.

Zhong-fa Yuan from First Affiliated Hospital, Guangzhou, PRC to go to Canterbury Area Health Board, Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand, with Ross R. Bailey, M.D.

Honorary

Yu Lei from Affiliated Hosp. of Guiyang Med. Coll., Guizhou, PRC to go to Ente Osp. San Carlo Borromeo, Milano, Italy with Giuseppe D'Amico, M.D.

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